

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the present application, of which Claims 1, 3-5 and 7-8 have been amended.

Appropriate corrections have been made on Claims 1, 3, 5, and 7, as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, the claim objection is believed to be overcome.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for not particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter that Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection insofar as it might apply to the claims as amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 1-8 would be allowable if they were rewritten to overcome the § 112 rejection. The antecedent basis problem in Claims 1 and 5 have been corrected. A word "on" has been inserted between "data" and "a" in lines 2-3 of Claims 1 and 5. Lines 4-8 and lines 6-10 have been deleted from Claims 4 and 8, respectively. Thus, the § 112 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 1 and 5 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any addition fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of the present application, please charge it against IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. **09-0449**.

Respectfully submitted,



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